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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN VICE PRESIDENT SEEKS GOU SUPPORT FOR CLAIM TO BELIZE

1. SUMMARY. VICE PRESIDENT SANDOVAL OF GUATEMALA PAID A BRIEF VISIT TO URUGUAY IN SEPTEMBER. EVEN THOUGH HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE TOP OFFICIALS OF THE GOU, INCLUDING PRESIDENT BORDABERRY, AND GIVEN GOOD PRESS COVERAGE, SANDOVAL DID NOT GAIN THE OBJECTIVE HE HAD SET, URUGUAYAN SUPPORT FOR HIS COUNTRY'S CLAIM TO BELIZE.

2. LIC. MARIO SANDOVAL ALARCON, VICE PRESEIDENT OF GUATEMALA VISITED URUGUAY SEPTEMBER 20-22 WITH THE STATED INTENTION OF OBTAINING GOU SUPPORT FOR HIS COUNTRY'S CLAIM TO BELIZE. DURING HIS VISIT THE VICE PRESIDENT MET WITH PRESIDENT BORDABERRY. VICE PRESIDENT DEMICHELLI AND FONMIN BLANCO AND VISITED THE COUNCIL OF STATE (URUGUAY'S LEGISLATIVE BODY) AND THE SUPREME COURT.

3. SANDOVAL WAS GIVEN FAIRLY GOOD PRESS COVERAGE EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE IMPACT WAS LOST BECAUSE PRESIDENT BORDABERRY HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED VISIT TO CHILE AND SPANISH AND ITALIAN MISSIONS ALSO WERE VISITING URUGUAY AT THE SAME TIME COM-  
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PETING FOR MEDIA ATTENTION. NEVERTHELESS, SANDOVAL'S CASE WAS

MADE TO THE PRESS AND REPORTED. THE ONLY ANGLE NEW TO THOSE OF  
US IN MONTEVIDEO WAS A COMMENT EXPRESSING GUATEMALA'S CONCERN THAT  
AN INDEPENDENT BELIZE MIGHT OPEN THE WAY TO CUBAN (AND SOVIET,  
ADDED THE LOCAL PRESS) AGITATION AND MARXIST INFLUENCE IN THE AREA.

4. FROM WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER SINCE THE VISIT, SANDOVAL  
WENT AWAY HAVING BEEN GIVEN A POLITE HEARING BY THE GOU BUT LIT-  
TLE ELSE EXCEPT A PROMISE THAT THE GOU WOULD STUDY THE SITUATION.  
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